

*Calling to Him a child,
He put him in the midst of them*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Service

September 29, 2019

Greeter This Week: Caleb & Kyle Nagel

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Youth/Sunday School

Reader Next Week: Caden Jander

Acolytes This Week: Ella Jander & Morgan Goebel

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE MUSIC ~ Caleb & Kelsey "10,000 Reasons/What a beautiful Name"

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Johnna Kethan

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

WOV pg. 10 right side adaptation ~ McKenna Diebel

OPENING HYMN ~

"Every Move I Make, Waves of Mercy"

Hillsong Kids

Na Na Na Na Na Na

Na Na Na Na Na Na

Na Na Na Na Na Na

Na Na Na Na Na Na

Every move I make, I make in You

You make me move Jesus

Every breath I take, I breathe in You

Every step I take, I take in You

You are my way Jesus

Every breath I take I breathe in You

Na Na Na Na Na Na (4X)

Every move I make, I make in You

You make me move Jesus

Every breath I take I breathe in You

Every step I take, I take in You

You are my way Jesus

Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy, Waves of grace

Everywhere I look. I see your face

Your love has captured me

Oh, my God this love, How can it be?

Na Na Na Na Na Na (8X)

Every move I make, I make in You

You make me move Jesus

Every breath I take I breathe in You

Every step I take, I take in You

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page 57-58: KYRIE ~ Madyx Blain

HYMN OF PRAISE ~

“Hallelu, Praise Ye the Lord”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ Elizabeth Gonzales

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON ~ Kendra & Grace Redmond

FIRST READING ~ Mackenzie Blain

Woe to the Comfortable

The Word of the Lord came to Israel and chided them for their feelings of superiority over other nations and peoples. Woe to those who make their beds in comfort, eat sumptuous meals and sit idly enjoying all the good things in life. None of these are concerned with the "ruin of Joseph." These will be the first ones sent into exile.

Amos 6:1-7

(Page 794, RSV Pew Bible)

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

RESPONSIVE READING ~ Brooke Wendel

Happy are Those Whose Hope is the Lord

When we are happy in the Lord who is our hope and refuge, the psalmist wrote. We can do nothing other than sing his praises. There is no other that we can

trust with all we are and all we have — it is him who gave us all we have in the first place. It is the Lord who keeps his promises forevermore.

Psalm 146

(Page 545, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.**

⁹The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING ~ Morgan Goebel

Standards for Leaders in Christ's Church

Paul declared that any who want to take on positions of leadership in the church will be held to high standards in all aspects of their lives, including marriage, parenting, personality, spiritual discernment, maturity, and honesty.

1 Timothy 3:1-13

(Page 1035, RSV Pew Bible)

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone

does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

GOPEL READING ~ J.R. Bishop

Luke 16:19-31

(Page 910, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

¹⁹{Jesus said to the Pharisees,} "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Sit MESSAGE ~ Marlee Blain

GOSPEL HYMN ~ LBW #509 *“Onward, Christian Soldiers”*

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED ~ Kendall Helms

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & SHARING OF THE PEACE

We would like to invite the congregation to circle around the church and hold hands, making sure to include those who cannot stand, and sing:

“Sanctuary”

By Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You (5X)

With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you (2X)

Sit OFFERING ~ J.R. Bishop, Cason Jander, Mason Nagel & Seth Wendel

OFFERING HYMN ~ *“I Can't Even Walk Without Holding Your Hand”*

By: Cody Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER ~ Cason Jander

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Ella Jander

SENDING HYMN ~

“I'll Fly Away”

By: Allan Jackson

I'll fly away old glory
I'll fly away
when I die hallelujah
by and by
I'll fly away

Some glad morning
when this life is over,
I'll fly away

To a home on
God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away
I'll fly away old glory
I'll fly away
when I die hallelujah
by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this
life have gone,
I'll fly away
Like a bird from
prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away

I'll fly away old glory
I'll fly away
when I die hallelujah
by and by
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary
days and then,
I'll fly away
to a land where
joys will never end,
I'll fly away

I'll fly away old glory
I'll fly away
when I die hallelujah
by and by
I'll fly away
(Repeat)

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God, And We Will**

POSTLUDE MUSIC ~ Caleb & Kelsey *"Be Though My Vision"*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/29	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Youth/Sunday School *Youth/Sunday School Luncheon & Pool Party after Worship
Mon 9/30	Office Closed
Tues 10/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 10/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 10/3	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 10/4	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship *2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.



Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

General \$923.00, MOM \$315.00, Sunday School \$103.00, Organ \$20.00,
Building \$20.00, Church Reno. \$795.00 **Total: \$2,176.00**

Attendance: Worship - 96 Sunday School - 9 , Adults - 20
Confirmation - 12

Mission of the Month of September



CAMAL House Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of September is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. Volunteers run this food bank. Funds are needed to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming holidays. They especially need funds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys.

Saints Peter & Paul Meyersville Catholic Festival
TODAY at 11:00 AM....Dine in or to go BBQ plates for \$10.00 (plates served until 1:00 PM). Live auction & bingo to start at 1:00 PM, silent auction, raffle, country store, cake walk & kid's games! Join the fun!



Operation Christmas Child

We have kicked off Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project for St. John's. Shoe boxes will be available in the foyer of the church. If you need a box please call Linda Ruschhaupt at (361) 275-2059. Please leave your completed shoe boxes on the risers in the Parish Hall by 8 A.M. November 21, 2019.



Shoebox Challenge

This year as we have in several of the past years, our church is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Our speaker for Mission Feast Sunday, October 27th, will be Pastor Walter Jackson, who will talk to us about that program and other ministries of Samaritan's Purse. We have all heard some of the stories of the effect these boxes have on the recipients, and I'm sure Pastor Jackson will add to that beautiful list. So let's all agree this is an amazing program and our participation in it is a good thing! That being said I would like to issue a challenge to all the members of St John. A few facts to validate the challenge. First of all, our church was founded in 1851 and 2019 will be our 168th year of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Third,

we give ourselves and those we love gifts at Christmas. Fourth, the Shoebox program is a wonderful way of showing love to our neighbors by giving a Christmas gift to deserving children, just as we give ourselves. **So I challenge the members of St John Meyersville to exceed the goal of one box for each year of our church's existence, that's 168 shoeboxes.** That's considerably more than we did last year, but it should be a very attainable goal. We average 80 something in attendance per Sunday. If each of us brought 2 boxes each we would almost be there in one Sunday. So let's do this, and I know it will be to the glory of God, however many we collect, but I bet it will make this Christmas feel a little different if we reach our goal.

So grab a box, fill it and come back and get two more. Let's fill some shoeboxes with some St John Meyersville Texas love and make some children smile!

Breakfast Buzz & Story Time

Wanting to go to Sunday School but no time to eat breakfast? No problem! We'll be serving pancakes hot off the griddle from 8:30-9:00 am in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 6th. Planning to hold this breakfast the first Sunday of each month if it's a big hit with our Sunday Schoolers. "Following the pancake breakfast, we will be having a story time Sunday school on the story of Rahab and the Walls of Jericho. All students are encouraged to bring their beanbag chairs, pillows and blankets to get comfortable for the story. All students from 2 to 102 are invited to join us that Sunday morning." Thank you!



Parents' Sunday School/Bible Study Class

We are looking for interest for a Parents' Sunday school/Bible study class that would take place during Sunday school. We're looking for parents of all aged children to gather together, study the word of God, and help each other apply God's teachings to raising kids in today's society. We're wanting to make Sunday school a family event, and the studious learning of God a lifelong commitment. Please contact Johnna Kethan at 361-649-4234 if you are interested.



NALC Disaster Relief

We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the **NALC Disaster Relief** indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and



flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it for the next need. The instructions for building them are in the back of the church in a folder. Norrean Sager has made about 30 bags for the health kits and Norrean or Linda will be glad to get as many as you need from storage. If you just want to purchase some of the items, Linda will put it together. Leave the items in the kitchen at church. Linda will collect them if you let her know - (361) 275-2059.



Bible Study

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader. Our Sunday Morning Bible study continues the Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". In Part one we studied "Who We Are" and we are just beginning Part Two, "What We Do". Our group invites you to join us for this interesting look at "what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry." Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun, fellowship, and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.



GOAL: \$599,553.00

RECEIVED AS OF September 22, 2019: \$461,314.00

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM SURVEY

Parish Ed Team has gotten some suggestions that the participation in the Christmas Eve program might be increased if the program was held sometime other than Christmas Eve. Most other churches have moved away from the Christmas Eve program because of the conflict with family Christmas events and activities but since this has been a long standing tradition here

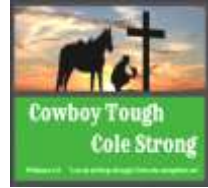
Please Take My
Survey

at St. John we thought before we change this we wanted more input from the congregation. So we are taking a survey to see what the congregation thinks. Please take the time to give your input because either you take part in the program, have children in the program or ones that might be in it, or you attend the program. So it effects more than just parents with Sunday school age children. The survey will be in the September bulletins & newsletter. There will be a box in the Narthex of the church to collect the surveys. Thank you for taking the time to give us your opinion. ~Parish Ed Team



Special Prayers for Cole
~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~

Cole will be returning from China on September 22nd after six months of treatment for his injury. God truly blessed



Cole with many outstanding doctors, nurses and therapist that took care of him while he was in China. Cole has shown some improvement since he's been in China. Even though he is still on the ventilator he is able to take nine deep breaths on his own off the ventilator with very little difficulty. He is also able to hold his head on his own for at least sixteen minutes or more. He is getting stronger every day. We pray for continued healing for Cole each and every day. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so.

When Cole leaves China he will be going to New Jersey for a surgery on his diaphragm that hopefully will help get him completely off the ventilator. After about one week in New Jersey he will be returning to TIRR in Houston for continued rehab. It will be so great to have him so close to home.

We want to thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns and support for Cole and his family while they were in China. They have truly been a blessing. We ask for those continued prayers as Cole and his family continue on this slow and difficult journey. Thank you again and may God bless each and every one.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
John Otto - USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant,
Fort Rucker, AL, going to Warrant Officer
Candidate School then to Army Aviation Flight School
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Glenn Ruschhaupt
Marie Liner
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 16

September 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 (Year C)



As disciples of Christ, we are called to care for the poor, ill, hungry, and thirsty as God has cared for all of our needs. Living a life of comfort and sumptuousness with no regard for those who have nothing is to defy the will of God for our lives. Jesus taught that what we give in this life is what we receive in the next as he pointed to a rich man who had no regard for poor Lazarus in life, and so he suffered in death.

